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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant's respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

Japan 2000-134311
Japan 10-155038

The foregoing documents were discussed in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. Moreover, the concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents is believed to be satisfied by the description provided in the specification. Nonetheless, English-language abstracts for each of the foregoing documents have been located and are also enclosed for the Examiner's

consideration, and the abstracts are also believed to satisfy the concise explanation of relevance. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449.

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